

Attorney Docket No. 01029

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

MIYAMOTO et al.

Serial No: 09/779,605

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR A SOUND GENERATOR

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite the claims as follows:

- 4. The device according to claim 5 wherein (Amended) a portion of each of the connecting spring plates other than the base and head end connecting portions is coated with nickel by nickel plating.
- 5. (Amended) A connecting device for a sound generator comprising:

a pair of connecting spring flat plates disposed in a plane adjacent to the sound generator, each of the connecting spring <u>flat</u> plates comprising a base end